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First Named Inventor	Steffens
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

<u>Fee Description</u>				<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)				50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)				210	105
Multiple dependent claims				370	185
<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	
_____ - 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____				<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	_____	_____
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First Named Inventor	Staffens
Art Unit	3853
Examiner Name	M. Butler
Attorney Docket Number	17050

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